



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** Louisiana Man Arrested on Numerous Sex Charges Involving Teen

**Date:** September 29, 2020

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On 09-27-2020 at 4 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to a residence in Spring Hill where the parents of a teenager found an adult man hiding in their child's bedroom.

When deputies arrived on scene they found the man, later identified as **Johnathan Lee Rossmoine DOB/08-19-1984**, still hiding in the victim's closet.

Rossmoine advised he drove from Louisiana to Spring Hill on several occasions to have sex with the victim. The suspect advised on this current trip he had been in Hernando County for about five weeks and had sex with the victim on numerous occasions.

The victim first met the suspect about two years ago while using an online chatting app. The app allows users to chat via text and voice using virtual avatars.

The victim referred to Rossmoine as a boyfriend. The victim indicated initially telling Rossmoine about being 18 before admitting prior to meeting in person to actually being 15.

The victim indicated Rossmoine had been living off and on in the teen's bedroom since Aug. 19, 2020. The suspect would hide in the closet when the victim's parents were home, only coming out when they left for work.

Rossmoine further advised numerous sexual encounters also occurred in his van, which was parked in proximity to the victim's house.

Johnathan Rossmoine was charged as follows:

- Lewd and Lascivious Behavior with a Victim between the age of 12 and 16 – Four counts

- Obscene Communication, Travel to Meet After Use of Computer to Lure Child

His bond was set at \$25,000.

The possibility of additional charges is pending further investigation.

**The Office of Sheriff:**

**The Office of the Sheriff is established by the Florida Constitution. As a constitutional officer, the Sheriff has the exclusive authority to administer his or her agency and is responsible for preserving the peace throughout the entire county, carrying out the laws of the state, the orders of Florida courts, and the ordinances of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement and correctional officer of the county.**

**Sheriff Al Nienhuis was initially appointed as the Sheriff of Hernando County by the Governor in January of 2011. He was then elected by the people of Hernando County in 2012, ran unopposed in 2016, and was re-elected in 2020. Sheriff Nienhuis remains accountable to the people of Hernando County.**